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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 21 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Guinea-Bissau*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

Announcement

The formal meeting of the Security Council on the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building", which was suspended on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, will resume on Wednesday, 23 December, at 3 p.m. Delegations may contact the Secretariat in connection with the list of speakers at telephone no. (212) 963-5263 or room S-3520C. *It is requested that statements not exceed seven minutes.*

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 21 December 1998

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP AND OF UNFPA

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Presentation

There will be a presentation on "Information Exchange Programme on Eco-Society", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, on Monday, 21 December 1998, from 4.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The presentation will feature a video demonstration, a CD-ROM and a Web site reporting on the "Eco-Partnership Tokyo Conference". All members of permanent missions are invited.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1999 on Monday, 11 January 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session 1999 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 January 1999 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1999/ L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 January 1999.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 18 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3957th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Third progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (S/1998/1176)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached at the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, who introduced the third progress report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/1176).

The Council then heard a briefing by the representative of Sweden, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone about his visit the previous week to Sierra Leone and to Liberia.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Kenya, Costa Rica, Japan, Brazil, the United States, Portugal, Slovenia, Gabon, the Gambia, the United Kingdom, China and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Sweden and the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations responded to comments and questions by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

93rd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 93rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/244/Add.1).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Note: The summary of the 45th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/244/Add.1).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS 686th and 687th meetings

Note: The summary of the 686th and the 687th meetings of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/245).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Indonesia (17 December 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Canada (18 December 1998)

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Entry into force: 15 January 1999, in accordance with article 27 (1) of the Convention.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Hungary (18 December 1998)
Signature: Malta (18 December 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Armenia (18 December 1998)
Signature: Hungary (18 December 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Signature: Armenia (18 December 1998)
Signature: Hungary (18 December 1998)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Senegal
H.E. Mr. Ibra Deguène Ka

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey V. Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mr. Ricardo G. Castaneda-Cornejo

Western European and Other States:
Austria
H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa

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